DEO): (a) Under the existing laws, no foreign publisher is allowed to print and publish any foreign newspaper in the country. However, import/entry of foreign newspapers is permitted.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increased Advertisements of Cosmetics and Detergents

7596. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a spate of advertisements of cosmetics and detergents on the electronics media of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these items cause pollution;

(c) whether Government propose to ensure that these facts are included in the advertisements and written on the labels fixed on carton or containers of these items; and

(d) if so, when such decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO); (a) Yes, Sir. Cosmetics and detergents account for a sizeable proportion of advertisement on electronic media.

(b) Inputs of some detergents may cause water pollution.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forest has evolved Environmental Criteria for cosmetics and detergents under the scheme of Ecomark for promotion of environmentally friendly cosmetics and detergents among consumers.

Norms for contracts for power projects

7597. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms prescribed under the two part tariff notification for awarding contracts for power projects;

(b) what are the details of projets in respect of which contracts have been awarded in deviation of the prescribed norms;

(c) what are the reasons for such deviation in each case; and

(d) when the contracts in respect of each project were awarded and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The 2 part tariff system is applicable to thermal generating companies. The first part would ensure recovery of fixed costs, viz. interest on loan capital, depreciation, O&M expenses at a normative level, taxes on income, if any, and a return on equity at a particular level of generation with a provision for higher returns at specified higher levels of generation and interest on working capital. The second part ensures meeting of variable expenses and comprises actual cost of primary and secondary fuels.

(b) to (d) It is within the competence of State Government to award specific projects to private generating companies State Electricity Board negotiate and conclude Power Purchase Agreements for bulk supply of power with private generating companies. The projects whose PPAs have been referred to Government for acceptance of the deviations is listed at Statement along with the details of date of agreement and the provisional cost.